



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

# In Recognition of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Museum was founded in 1889 by businessman and philanthropist Charles Reed Bishop in honor and memory of his late wife, Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the last descendant of the royal Kamehameha family; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Museum, in fulfillment of its mission to be the "Museum of Hawai'i," has curated an extensive collection of 24.7 million items relating the story of both Hawai'i and its context in the cultural heritage and history of the Pacific, including more than 115,000 historical publications and 1 million historical photographs, films, works of art, audio recordings and manuscripts; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Museum has put these artifacts to the best use as a gathering place and educational center through award-winning exhibits and programming, reaching 35,000 students annually through field trip visits as well as 15,000 students, teachers and family members through school outreach programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Museum's collection has also helped produce thousands of publications, many through Bishop Museum Press, established in 1892 as one of the first scholarly publishers in the Western Hemisphere, having published more than 1,200 titles and 1 million books, including seminal works in Hawaiian culture and history; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Museum continues to offer unique and enriching exhibitions, including the historic reunification of three ancient *kū* figures in collaboration with the British Museum and Peabody Essex Museum for the exhibit "E Kū Ana Ka Paia: Unification, Responsibility and the Kū Images" in 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Museum celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum Dinner on August 2, 2014, featuring a number of Hawai'i's best chefs and benefiting the museum's Exhibition Fund;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 2, 2014, as

## "BISHOP MUSEUM DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Bishop Museum's 125 years of history and continued excellence in fulfilling its mission of actively engaging people in the presentation, exploration and preservation of Hawai'i's cultural heritage and natural history, as well as its ancestral cultures throughout the Pacific.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of August, 2014.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i